1	2	3	4	5	6
27	Dongaragaon	2005-06	2007-08		2007-08
28	Shivna Takli	2005-06	2007-08		2006-07
29	Amravati	2005-06	2007-08		2007-08
30	Gul Medium Irrigation Project	2005-06	2007-08		2008-09
	Orissa				
31	Subarnarekha Project	2001-02	Withdrawn from FTP		
32	Gate Works of Narrage Barrage	2001-02	2003-04	2005-06	
33	Execution of Rengali Left Canal	2001-02	Withdrawn from FTP		
34	Potteru	2001-02	2003-04	2004-05	
35	Improvement of Sasan Canal	2002-03	2004-05	2004-05	
36	Salandi Left Main Canal	2002-03	2004-05	2005-06	
37	Improvement of Salki Irr. Project	2003-04	2004-05	2004-05	
	Punjab				
38	Remodelling of UBDC	2005-06	2007-08		2007-08
39	Extension of Kandi Canal St. II (RD 59.50 km to 130.00 km)	2005-06	2007-08		2007-08
	Rajasthan				
40	Panchana	2002-03	2004-05	2004-05	
41	Chapi	2002-03	2004-05	2004-05	
42	Mod. of Gang Canal	2003-04	2005-06		2007-08
	Uttar Pradesh				
43	Upper Ganga Mod. Project	2001-02	2003-04	2003-04	
44	Madhya Ganga Canal Project	2001-02	2003-04	2003-04	

TDS on interest paid by banks to senior citizens

†*35. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks and post offices pay 9 per cent interest to senior citizens against their deposits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that TDS is applied on the interest paid by banks;

(c) whether they have to submit form 15H or 15G to escape from the said provision; and

(d) whether Government are formulating any scheme to exempt them from TDS keeping in view their deteriorating financial condition and age?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Under the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme, 2004 administered by banks and post offices, interest at the rate of 9 percent per annum is given to such persons who have attained the age of 60 years as well as to persons who have attained the age of 55 years or more but less than 60 years, and who have retired on superannuation or otherwise. Other savings schemes or bank deposits receive different interest rates depending upon the nature and duration of the deposit.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, tax is required to be deducted at source if the amount of interest payable during a financial year exceeds Rs. 5,000/-.

(c) For claiming exemption from TDS, a person of sixty-five years of age or above may furnish a declaration in Form No. 15H to the bank/post office, if the tax on his estimated income for the financial year is *nil*.

A person of less than sixty-five years of age may claim exemption from TDS by filing a declaration in Form No. 15G provided that—

(i) the tax on his estimated total income for the financial year is *nil* and,

(ii) the aggregate amount of interest credited or paid or likely to be credited or paid during the financial year is not more than the maximum amount which is not chargeable to tax (Rs. 1,00,000/- for male taxpayers and Rs. 1,35,000/- for a woman taxpayer).

(Both the conditions are required to be fulfilled.)

(d) There is already a special scheme under section 197A(1C) of the Income Tax Act, as described in para (c) above, whereby a senior citizen may, on filing of appropriate declaration, get exemption from TDS.

Write off of Rs. 85,000 crore tax arrears

*36. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to write off Rs. 85,000 crore tax arrears as 'non-recoverable' out of the outstanding Rs. 1,19,000 crore tax arrears due till 2003-04, if so, the reasons therefor;